

FULL COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL ON WEDNESDAY 13th JULY 2016 AT 7.30 AT GROSVENOR HOUSE, GROSVENOR ROAD, WHITTLESEY.

Present: Cllr Miscandlon, Boden, Bristow, Butcher, Curtis, Dorling, Mrs Jolley, Mrs Laws, Mason, Mrs Mayor, Whitwell, Wicks, Mrs Windle.

Officer in attendance:

Mrs Susan Piergianni – Town Clerk & RFO

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F125/16. To receive apologies from absent members and the reason for the apology.

Cllr Garratt (holiday),

F126/16. Declaration of Members Pecuniary Interests, on items to be discussed later in the agenda and the Council to decide which items are to be discussed as confidential under agenda item number F124/16

- Grosvenor House – Cllr Dorling
- Property working group update – Cllr Butcher
- Confidential Minute F124/16 from Full Council on 8th June 2016

Councillors Mrs Laws and Miscandlon as members of FDC Planning Committee advised that should any planning applications be discussed they may comment, but reserve the right to change their minds should more information become available at a later date.

Cllr Dorling - Independent Financial Advisor.

F127/16 Police matters including CCTV Report

PCSO Moll advised that crime was down by seven however incidents were up by forty, this isn't all bad it may just mean that more are being reported.

There have been seven thefts from vehicles in the last two weeks.

7% of the incident reports above have been at one particular address in Whittlesey, PCSO Moll has spent the last two days at the address along with other organisations to try and resolve the issues.

The current team is 4 people, the two PC'S are covering other shifts and one PCSO is on sick. Ian has confirmed he is still a Whittlesey Officer and continues to be based in Whittlesey.

Cllr Mrs Laws advised PCSO Moll that she would be in contact with him as WTC have now received confirmation that the consultation can go ahead on Commons Road.

Members have still not received any details regarding High Causeway, Cllr Whitwell advised that following a meeting with the Highways Officer, CCC have confirmed that the signage is adequate and any enforcement should be carried out by the Police.

F128/16 Street Scene Officer Report

Dog Fouling in general was highlighted again as a problem, Bellmans, Millfield, New Road, there are many concerns around the whole of Whittlesey.

S106 report – it was agreed by members that the Clerk now email this to everyone and it is only printed once a year.

F129/16 Presentation from Mrs Jane Darlington – Burnthouse Farm Wind Farm Community Benefit Fund.

They are a registered charity set up since 2004 (Cambridgeshire Community Foundation (CCF)) and are there to offer support and typically funding for groups to carry out projects of interest. Donors may exclusively wish to help specific area within the community eg. children in the community. The funds given out within Cambridgeshire are in excess of 12 Million. 149K has been allocated to PE7 area which is 63 funding awards. Streetpride, Whittlesey Action Committee, Whittlesey Indoor bowls, Scaldgate Club, Whittlesey Museum, Whittlesey Wind Ensemble and Whittlesey Cricket Club, this is just a few of the recipients.

Amey Landfill Fund - is available to groups that meet the criteria and are with the correct Geographical location, the nearest registered land fill is at Dogsthorpe, any group within 10 miles of this site could apply for funding from this organisation.

Healthy Fenland Fund – This is a relatively new fund and is being funded by Cambridgeshire County Council, approximately 70K is available each year for five years.

Burnthouse Windfarm - £250.00 to £6000.00 to charitable projects, for any groups within a five-mile radius of Burnthouse Farm. Only online applications are accepted, all applicants should be 'grant ready' and have all the correct procedures in place, ie Policies, Banking arrangements etc. Any eligible projects go to a committee that is made up of representatives from various organisations who make the final decision on the application.

Members comments were as follows:

PE7 – 5% of Cambs, however grant funding is only 1.25. Mrs Darlington advised that they do continue to encourage past recipients and approach new groups to advise that opportunities for funding could be available to these groups.

Could the application be reviewed as some organisations had found it was laborious and challenging, they had contacted the office and had been put off as they were not given good guidance and were put off from applying.

Grants will not be made retrospectively and will not be made for fun days or festivals, Cllr Bristow sits on the panel and questioned why funds had been allocated to an organisation having a Christmas Party, the response being they were allocated to this organisation as it was classed as social isolation.

F130/16 Representative from Vivacity to discuss Must Farm - Mr Sean Nolan - Business Development Director and Mr Jonathan Latchford – Grants and Fundraising Manager.

Vivacity have managed Flag Fen for five years, they subsidise the site in order to retain and improve the operation. They receive about ten thousand visitors. Their focus is on heritage of the site, to attract more families and schools to make it more financially sustainable. Since the discovery of Must Farm a replica roundhouse on stilts will be built as well as the roundhouses on dry land.

Why has Whittlesey been ignored! This was first published as Peterborough's Pompey, when in actual fact the site is in Whittlesey. Mr Nolan is not involved with the dig, its Flag Fen that is their project and when the boats were discovered they were put in the trust of Peterborough Museum Trust all the items are being preserved at Flag Fen.

The primary funders are Cambs Archaeological, Historic England and Forterra, it was agreed a clause be in the contract that the finds go to Peterborough. Historic England have now proposed a

review of the artefacts due to the new discoveries at the site, e.g. what is going to be preserved, displayed and researched. This review is being led by CCC and PCC.

Cllr Curtis argued that under the Gunner Principles, WTC were not consulted and this is a public major issue, he feels that a permanent and significant display of finds must be displayed in Whittlesey. Mr Nolan advised their process is three stage, their scheme was about Flag Fen, however since the discoveries at Must Farm, they are having to rethink the scheme and will consult with Whittlesey Town Council.

Historic England held a meeting approximately one month ago to discuss the archive, Vivacity cannot obtain Heritage Lottery funding without the support from Historic England. A draft brief is being designed to look at other appropriate sites, once approved the HLF can be applied for.

The wheel that has been found would be ideal to be known as the Whittlesey Wheel, SHS are looking to build a replica wheel.

F131/16 To confirm and sign the Minutes from the Meeting of the Council held on the Wednesday 8th June 2016

Morton's Leam - spelling to be corrected.

Approved: The Minutes were approved.

F132/16 Public Forum

To allow any member of the public to address the council. Time allowed 15 minutes in total.

Four members of the public were present.

Mr Stephen Hodson

Asked the council to support planning application YR16/0516/F which is being discussed later in the meeting.

F133/16 Information Only.

There was not information

F134/16 Invitations.

There was no information.

F135/16 To report the draft minutes from the Planning Meeting on Wednesday 22nd June 2016 & Tuesday 5th July 2016.

Approved: These were received.

F136/16 To report the draft minutes from the Community Projects Meeting on Wednesday 22nd June 2016.

Approved: These were received.

F137/16 To report the draft minutes from the Finance & Policy Committee Meeting 27th June 2016

Approved: These were received.

- **Election Costs – Cllr Boden**

Cllr Boden has spoken to Anna Goodall at FDC, and he is still waiting for the information.

- To report the bank reconciliation
- To report the list of payments
- To report the list of uncashed payments
- To report the year to date figures

The Clerk was asked to investigate some anomalies on the report and correct them for the next month.

F138/16 To receive verbal reports from members who have attended meetings with outside bodies.

Cllr Mason Business Forum 29th June, next meeting 20th July.

Cllr Dorling - Street Pride meeting, he had been advised that thefts of plants from the boat located on the Ramsey Road had taken place. The grass around this area has also now been cut by Street Pride using equipment that was purchased via the Tesco grant.

Cllr Dorling – Lottery funding meeting in Wisbech. Cllr Dorling advised he had attended and would promote this as much as possible.

Cllr Mrs Mayor – Hereward Community Rail Partnership Meeting - £359,000 for the Manea and Whittlesey master plans for the station. The franchise should have been announced last week, but this has been delayed. The next full meeting to discuss this, and this is a public meeting and is Monday 19th September at 18.00 in the Council Chamber at Fenland Hall.

Cllr Butcher advised the Kings Dyke bridge will still be going ahead, discussions are taking place with all the landowners, if there were any sticking points it may delay it by 6 to 9 months. The start date will be July 2017. The tender process will be the contractor who designs is going to build.

Cllr Boden advised that the Anaerobic Digester has been given to Peterborough City Council to deal with it all, CCC will not be making any decision. The process is still continuing and they are waiting for the recommendation to come back from Officers in Peterborough's Planning department.

F139/16. To discuss any planning applications received from Fenland District Council for comment including: -

F/YR16/0506/F – Erection of a single storey front extension to existing dwelling 34 Yarwell's Headland, Whittlesey.

The Town Council have no objection and therefore recommend approval.

F/YR16/0509/TRCA – Felling of 1 Cherry Tree and 1 White Willow Tree within a conservation area – 8 Claygate, Whittlesey.

The Town Council have no objection and therefore recommend approval.

F/YR16/0512/F – Erection of 2 storey extensions to front and rear of existing dwelling involving the demolition of existing conservatory, and a single storey/first floor extension to existing garage for the construction of swimming Pool with associated changing rooms – 22 Manor View, Whittlesey.

The Town Council have no objection and therefore recommend approval.

F/YR16/0513/0 – Erection of 2 no dwellings (outline with matters committed in respect of access and layout only) involving demolition of existing greenhouses and garage – Land South and East of 33 Bassenhally Road, Whittlesey.

The Town Council have no objection and therefore recommend approval.

F/YR16/0516/F – Installation of a window to West Elevation of 10A and erection of a single storey extension to rear of 10 Market Street – 10 – 10A Market Street, Whittlesey

The Town Council have no objection and therefore recommend approval.

F140/16. Agenda items for Discussion.

- To approve the revised Smoke Free Policy – Cllr Dorling recommended adopting the policy, Members agreed to unanimously approve this policy.
- LHI Submission 2016/17 – Cllr Whitwell advised members that he would like to propose this as the Whittlesey submission. There is a footpath opposite New Road School which goes from the flats to the start of the allotments, however does not continue to the recycling centre, this road is used for parents dropping and collecting their children from school. There is also no footpath on the opposite side of the road. Three options have been quoted from by CCC, Cllr Whitwell would like the council to consider the application which takes the path from the flats to the recycling centre at a cost of £17426.06, the LHI will only fund 10K, therefore the council will have to fund the additional cost. Cllr Butcher advised members that at a recent meeting on site with CCC discussions took place about areas that were being funded by CCC under the Market Town Transport Strategy and issues at New Road School had funding set aside for some works. Cllr Butcher advised that there was a section classed as 'Parent Parking' as well as other safety issues, so there was potentially funding available from these works (the works to be started in March 2017) Cllr Butcher to forward the details of the CCC Officer for the Projects Committee.
- CCTV cameras being obscured by trees – Cllr Miscandlon had been contacted by residents regarding this and had been advised that all ones on highways are the responsibility of CCC.
- S106 on two sites – West Haven and Snowley Park – Cllr Whitwell – S106 being undervalued on these sites, especially for education. Some S106 has been knocked back due to developers stating that in some cases the economic viability has come into question, Cllr Whitwell to write a letter to FDC to challenge the S106
- CCC have a duty to provide school places and have an excellent reputation for placing children in their 1st place choice. Cllr Butcher advised that reception classes in all primary schools in Whittlesey are full. SHS are also at capacity.
- Duck Race for August 2016 – Cllr Miscandlon advised this was not held in May this year and due to the children being on School holidays shortly it was not possible to organise one for August. Members agreed that in future the duck race would be held on Easter Monday, the date for 2017 would be the 17th April.
- Projected Population increase in 0 – 19 year age group in Whittlesey – Cllr Bristow advised members that CCC produced a graph for Cambridgeshire showing the population from 0 – 19 increasing by 30,000, between the years 2011 to 2031. Can CCC not produce a graph for the parishes 2011 to 2031. Cllr Boden to ask the question at CCC.

F141/16. Ward Matters

Cllr Curtis – congratulations to Cllr Mrs Mayor and everyone involved with Whittlesey in Bloom, Street Pride should also be thanked for their work.

Cllr Whitwell – Green Wheel / Route 63 – Vehicles continue to use this roadway, there has also been further vandalism to the gate. In a few weeks the Environment Authority as part of their bank works will tarmac Funthams Lane from McCain's to the gate prior to Ball Bridge to allow residents access to their boats. Once this is completed the access gate will then be locked by the Field of Dreams. During these works there will be no access via Funthams Land and all vehicular access will be permitted via the Green Wheel.

Cllr Mrs Windle – the five seats along the Bower were painted on the 11th June 2016, by Street Pride with assistance from the Community Payback Team. A Letter to go to Street pride and Community Payback Team. The Bower riverbank has now been cut by Middle Level

Cllr Dorling has delivered a consultation document for double yellow lines on the West side of Windmill Street. Some responses have been received so far 80% are in favour and 20% against.

Cllr Mrs Jolley – Parking issues on Crescent road, people parking right up to the junction of Crescent Close – The Clerk to email PCSO Moll and request the situation is monitored.

Cllr Mrs Mayor – Whittlesey in Bloom – St Mary's Church Gardens were 18" high, however on Thursday morning many contractors were on site, they cut the grass, cleared it away, however the judges were not taken into the area as it wasn't completed. Cllr Mrs Mayor advised members that Whittlesey in Bloom will continue to do everything they do for the town, but they will not be entering the 'Anglia in Bloom' competition again.

Cllr Bristow – asked members if they were aware of an event going on at Lattersey Nature Reserve - no one is aware of the event.

Cllr Whitwell left the meeting at 10.00

Cllr Bristow advised members that the Kennels on New Road will be opening in the next few weeks and the potholes need to be filled. Cllr Butcher advised that the machine broke down, but the work will be completed.

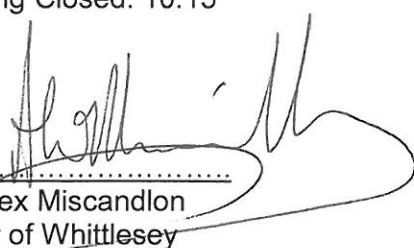
F142/16. Date of next full Council meeting – Wednesday 14th September 2016 at 7.30 at Grosvenor House.

Cllrs Mrs Mayor and Curtis left the meeting at 10.07

F143/16. Exclusion of the Public, including the Press.

F144/16. To discuss those items previously agreed at agenda item F126/16

Meeting Closed: 10.15



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Cllr Alex Miscandlon
Mayor of Whittlesey